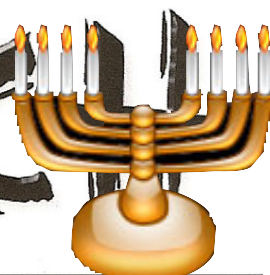


The Dead Horse

December 2011



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A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park

Barbie & John Renew Wedding Vows

Hawaiian Chant - Oli Aloha

*Onaona ka hala me ka lehua,
He hale lehua no ia na ka noe,
'O ka'u no ia e 'ano'i nei,
E li'a nei ho'i o ka hiki mai,
A hiki mai no ka kou,
A hiki pu no me ke aloha.....
Aloha e! Aloha e! Aloha e!*



The oli is a chant that offers a word of greeting. It says in part, "This is the sight for which I have longed. Now that you have come, love has come with you".

And so, in October, John and I took our love to Maui in celebration of our 25th wedding anniversary and to renew our vows in a Hawaiian ceremony. The Reverend Valentine Rosetta blew the conch shell and my son, Bill, led me to the edge of the grass overlooking the waves. The chant was sung, we exchanged the beautiful white orchid and maile lei, John re-read a note he wrote to me a few months after our marriage, and we shared our love with his daughter and my son's family. John wrote that note to explain how our rings would always be a true reminder of our love for each other.



How true those words were then and how true they've remained. After the ceremony we enjoyed Hawaiian treats and toasted with Hawaiian pineapple wine. That evening we all met at the Old Lahaina Luau for feast and festival. It was a true joy to share the day with our ohana (family).

Even though only half of our children were able to make the trip, all our thoughts were of them and how fortunate we were that our blended families shared our aloha.

Here Ye!! Here Ye!!

We are holding the park volunteer/ranger Christmas party at Randall's again this year on Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 pm. There is a cover charge to offset the food cost of \$5.00 per person. There will be no charge for children 13 and under.

We are serving vegetarian and meat Iqisagna with a salad, vegetable & bread. We will also have coffee, tea and soda.

BYOB if you want something a little stronger. If you would like bring a dessert to share that would be great. As in past we did awards that evening. Justin is going to handle this in a different manner and not at the party. Please sign up at the office or call in with a head count so we know how much food to prepare ... no later than December 12th.

Carolyn, wish you and Trish could make it, but it is a long way to come for a party! Thanks for your help, Ranger Linda Hauk

Catching Fish at DHRSP? Easy as One, Two, Three!

On November 12th, I went under cover for a *first hand fishing report* at the lagoons. We observed fly fishermen "properly present" flies to tempt the trout. There were fishermen in floats using lures, and a variety of baits were being cast out from the shores to successfully catch fish as well. The sky was draped with a cloud cover most of the day, but the sun shone through periodically to keep off any chill that might have been in the air. It was a good day to be an under cover fisherman. As soon as I put a line in the water, I got a bite! Imagine my surprise when two fish were reeled in at one time. These were a couple of nice bluegill that were added to the rainbow trout we caught. The trout were good size and cooked up real tasty... but I'll be looking for a better way to eat "pan fish" in the future. Sure was a fun afternoon at the park! Boy, what a ranger has to do to get a fishing report... submitted by Ranger Margie Sanchez



Donkey Cart



A couple of ladies visiting the M Lazy C Ranch in Colorado demonstrated a new mode of travel, the donkey cart. A daughter built this for her mom, who could no longer travel about on horseback. Of course, the first thing the ladies did was upend the cart on a hill near the ranch. No one was hurt, other than pride. submitted by Nan Hephner

This is the final big Roving Report of the season, as I'll be heading to my winter destination in two days.

It's been a real blast having you along for the journey. I'll probably post a small report on the RV park I'll be staying at this winter in the next couple of weeks. As you can tell, I've posted 36 reports and each one was sent with you in mind.

Wishing everyone a great Holiday Season, which is already upon us, or at least the ads would have us think so. Enjoy every day and every adventure you find yourself on. Drop me a line if you have the time. I always love to catch up on what's going on in your life too. Till I get back on the road..... Happy Trails to you. "Exploring the back roads one mile at a time" <http://rovingreportsbydoug.blogspot.com>

Douglas Palosaari



The Kiss!

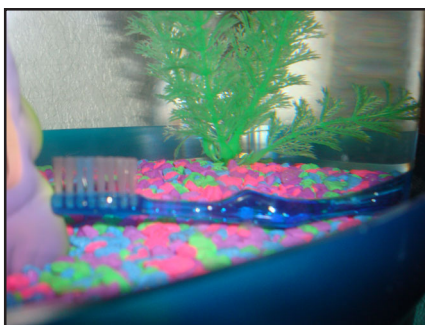
Sal Cirincione wrote: thanks for the newsletter, Carolyn. New e-mail address for me...

Trish Muchler wrote: Such a lovely news letter Sis, I especially loved the UP story (who ever thought). & the Veteran's Day picture made me cry, that was so awesome! Thanks :o)

Please tell Les and Liz that I am assuming the house, which is very pretty with the first snowfall, is nice. Also, we enjoy the paper.
Thanks, Don and Sue Neal.

Good Morning Carolyn! Thank you for the newsletter. Please note my change of email address.
Thanks again! Penny Andress

Carolyn, Thank you for your continued help as well as Nan, as it would not happen with out you.
Linda Hauk, Park Ranger



Can you guess what this is? Hint: If you've noticed that Ranger Eric's breath isn't *quite as fresh lately*, that might be due in part to his young son, Nathaniel. It appears that Nathan thought that his goldfish, Popeye, needed to brush *his teeth*. That's Ranger Eric Buzonas' favorite blue toothbrush at the bottom of the sea! No worries though! Popeye didn't have any cavities this month, and thankfully he was added to the family's Delta Dental Insurance Plan.



Volunteer News

December Comings

Carol Bradley and Everett Stone

- Quail Loop #40

Wayne Quimby and Betty Hall

- Raven Loop

December Goings

Gerry and Jan Colburn

Chuck and Billie Castle

December Dates to Remember

NOTE: Volunteer Meeting Dates will be posted in the office, on the Volunteer Schedule, at the park from now on!

11/24 THANKSGIVING DAY!!!

12/21 HAPPY HANUKKAH!!!

12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

12/31 HAPPY NEW YEARS EVE!!!



Note #2: DHRSPark Office will be closed all day on Christmas, but park is still open.

December MileStones

2-Bill Warner

4-Susan Williamson

6-Barbara Penny

6-Frank Larramore

7-Wayne Kemp

8-Sal Cirincione

9-Laurie Blitsch

10-Mary Soukup

12-Trish Muchler

15-Wanda Ward

17-George Stolze

18-Nancy Hardy

26-Rose Larramore

29-Miriam Sterling

30-Paul Grove

